

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 6, 7 and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art in view of Bhatt et al. (U.S. patent number 5,517,213) further in view of Ushirokawa et al. (U.S. patent number 5,228,058). Claims 6, 7 and 23-26 have been canceled.

Claims 11-13 and 20-22 were allowed.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33152.

Respectfully submitted,

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